

**Amendments to the Claims:**

**WE CLAIM:**

1-24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently amended) An in vivo test method for testing allergic response in animals, wherein said test method comprises the subcutaneous injection of allergens that had been treated with a composition selected from a group consisting of a hypohalous acid, a hypohalous acid salt, and a combination thereof, wherein said composition has a concentration between 10 and 200 ppm; wherein said allergen is selected from the group consisting of pollen, mold, pet dander, dust mite, cockroach and mixtures thereof; and wherein said allergic response is selected from the group consisting of skin rash, hay fever, sneezing, runny nose, red eyes and mixtures thereof.

26. (Currently amended) An in vivo test method for testing allergic response in animals, wherein said test method comprises the subcutaneous injection of allergens that had been treated with a composition selected from a group consisting of a hypohalous acid, a hypohalous acid salt, and a combination thereof, wherein said composition has a concentration between 10 and 200 ppm; wherein said allergen is dust mite; and wherein said allergic response is sneezing.

27. (Canceled)

28. (Currently amended) An in vivo test method for testing allergic response in animals, wherein said test method comprises the subcutaneous injection of a solution of *Aspergillus fumigatus* that had been treated ~~allergens treated~~ with a composition selected from a group consisting of a hypohalous acid, a hypohalous acid salt, and a combination thereof,

wherein said composition has a concentration between 10 and 200 ppm;

~~wherein said allergen is selected from the group consisting of pollen, mold, mold spores, pet dander, dust mite, cockroach, and mixtures thereof; and~~

wherein said allergic response is selected from the group consisting of skin rash, hay fever, sneezing, runny nose, red eyes and mixtures thereof; and

wherein the subcutaneous injection comprises using a ~~residue~~ sample from treatment of the ~~allergen~~ solution with the composition for skin prick testing on animals who had a history of positive skin prick.

29. (Canceled)

30. (New) An in-vivo test method for testing an allergic response in animals comprising:

- a) treating a solution of *Aspergillus fumigatus* spores with a composition selected from a group consisting of a hypohalous acid, a hypohalous acid salt, and a combination thereof to form a resulting inactivated *Aspergillus fumigatus* solution;
- b) testing the in-vivo allergic response of the resulting inactivated *Aspergillus fumigatus* solution by subcutaneous injection of the resulting inactivated *Aspergillus fumigatus* solution; and
- c) evaluating the resulting subcutaneous injection for the allergic response.